

## WHY HAS VINSON JUMPED INTO THE DEMOCRATIC FOLD

Assuredly it is not because of the reason he assigns.

## THAT AMUSING EXPOSE

Is Grant Hall Ashamed of the Part He is Called Upon to Play?

By Charles Brooks Smith  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—The Hon. Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, has at last succeeded in getting out of the Republican party, according to the view of it taken here, and it appears to give much satisfaction to those Republicans who hold to that view. He has zealously knifed every candidate for governor nominated by the Republican party, since he joined that organization about the year 1900, they say. Usually, he has fought under cover, being much better qualified for guerrilla warfare than for a struggle in the open, if their tale be correct. By keeping in the background and pretending to be for the ticket, he has been able to render most efficient service to the opposition to the Republican party. By personal solicitation he could thus direct his few friends and control them in voting for the opposition candidates, and by apparently being in favor of the Republican candidate, he thereby drew a much larger number of Republicans to support the opposition in the hope that they were thereby expressing their disapproval of Vinson and his methods. He, in fact, got them both going and coming, they say.

In the present fight, however, he has not only climbed on the top of the fence, but over into the Democratic pasture field, his Washington critics say. It is not the fact of his going, or that he has gone, that interests them, but the puerile reasons which he has given for making the journey. In a movement engineered by him, and fathered by his friend, Marcum, which culminated in the publication of letters from Vinson, Marcum, Grant P. Hall, T. E. Houston, William McKell and A. A. Lilly, erstwhile "Honest Abe," the public is handed the reasons why Vinson and his immediate following cannot support Judge Ira E. Robinson.

Marcum outlines what he alleges to be the terms of an agreement reached between Judge Robinson on one hand and the "sore six" on the other. It divides the thing into seven sections, or, if we follow the printer's methods in subdividing the Bible, "one chapter" composed of seven "verses," containing all of the terms of this alleged agreement, and submits the same to Hall, Houston, McKell, Vinson and Lilly, and each one in substance writes a letter to the yearning Marcum, and says "Me too."

One of the funny things that will strike the man who looks beneath the surface in order to know what is really transpiring, is the fact that Marcum who was not present, was enabled to tell each person present at the alleged conference retail of what transpired. Could it be possible that Taylor Vinson wrote this chapter and merely induced Marcum to play a sort of straighter to it, and sign his name? West Virginians here are asking.

No matters how the child got into this world, it is here, fully grown, and ready to be tested for all vote-getting purposes, for the Democratic party; it should be taken into the fold and worked to the limit. Let us look it over for a little while and see, if possible, what the Watson combination have really received for their money.

The first verse provides that Robinson was to publish a card of thanks thanking Lilly and Lilly's supporters, and promising that they should receive the same consideration at the Judge's hands as his own friends. This card has certainly gone forth to the public, decorated like a high school girl's diploma, with a red ribbon, and we know of no supporter of "Honest Abe" who now claims he is short on thanks from Judge Robinson, unless the members of the "Vinson Quintette" feel that the same have not been handed to them in accordance with their great deserts.

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## PLAIN PEOPLE LIKE JUDGE ROBINSON

Republican Candidates Tour of the State Brings Him in Touch

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)  
BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Oct. 16.—No candidate for Governor in West Virginia ever made the stirring and thorough campaign being made by Judge Robinson, the Republican nominee. Today finds him in the Southern tier of counties speaking at Princeton and Bramwell in Mercer. Tomorrow he speaks in Mingo and Wayne. Besides the delivery of his speeches the Judge carries on an extensive hand shaking campaign. Plainly he is a favorite of the plain people. He said today that he was of that class which celebrated lobbyists in the State had seen fit to call "The Common Head" that he was proud to have come from that class of people and to belong to them still, and that he desired no greater service than to be the friend of their rights.

## FRED O. BLUE URGES MORE DRASTIC LAW

Tells Baptists that Much Good Has Been Done.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)  
LOGAN, Oct. 16.—The enactment of amendments to the Yost Prohibition law which would make it unlawful for intoxicating liquors even to be transported from one point to another within the state of West Virginia make it the duty of municipal officers to enforce the state law whether the municipality has an ordinance on the subject or not, were advocating by Fred O. Blue, state prohibition commissioner in his report on Temperance submitted tonight to the Baptist General Association of West Virginia now in session here. The report in part follows:

"First: The benefits of state-wide prohibition have manifested themselves in many ways since the state became dry, viz., the first day of July, 1914. Savings accounts have largely increased and the deposits in state and National banks show an increase of more than \$6,000,000 as compared with amounts on deposit on the thirtieth day of June, 1914. 26,000 thousand more men are employed in industries of the state today than were employed therein on June 30, 1914. The number of arrests for drunkenness, as shown by the records of the police courts, has decreased at least 60 per cent since July 1, 1914. Upon the authority of Dr. L. V. Guthrie, superintendent of the Huntington State Hospital, there has been a decrease of 75 per cent in the cases of alcoholic insanity coming under his observation. On Aug. 1, 1914, there were 1,620 prisoners in the state penitentiary of Moundsville. On Sept. 20, the number of prisoners in that institution was 1,008, a decrease of 252. Warden White of that institution has made the statement that he will not be surprised if the number of prisoners in the state penitentiary do not exceed 800 by Jan. 1, 1917.

"Second: When the prohibition law of 1913 was enacted, such law was regarded as the most advanced of any prohibition legislation at that time. Indeed it was pronounced by many as too drastic. Much of the opposition to the drastic provisions of that law has passed away, and today there is a strong demand throughout the state for the law to be amended so as to make it more drastic.

"Third: Just as long as the people of a state take an interest in the prohibition laws of the state, the law will be enforced. Many good and many well-meaning people may be under the impression that when a state votes 'dry,' the fight is over. The fact is the fight has then begun. It is the work of the church to carry forward the work of education and of agitation so that the interest of the people in prohibition laws may not lag and that those who demand that the right shall be left to them to receive intoxicating liquors without restraint may appreciate their duty and their obligation to society as well as to the state.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the denomination pledges itself to aid and assist in the work of law enforcement.
2. That it pledges itself to aid and assist in the great work of education and maintaining public sentiment for the perfecting of legislation, the enforcement of law and the making of the state a model 'dry' state.
3. That the denomination favors and demands the following amendments to the present law:

(a) An amendment making it unlawful for a person to carry into the state or from one place within the state to another place within the state, any intoxicating liquors in such quantities that the same can be used for beverage or commercial purposes. In other words, creating it a substantive offense to carry into the state or from one place to another within the state, such quantities as can be used for

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## MRS. T. M. SWEENEY DIES AT WHEELING

Was Sister-in-Law of Mrs. Thos. W. Fleming of This City.

Mrs. Lulu Bell Sweeney, wife of the late Thomas McFerran Sweeney and sister-in-law of Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming of this city died Sunday morning at five o'clock at her home in Wheeling after a few hours illness. She had been in apparently good health until five o'clock when she summoned her son Julian and her daughter, Miss Paul, to her bedside. Before medical aid reached her however she had passed away.

Mrs. Sweeney was a daughter of John E. and Julia Winters Bell, prominent residents of Washington, Pa. She was united in marriage with Mr. Thomas M. Sweeney who died twenty-one years ago. She is survived by several children namely: Thomas B., of Washington, D. C.; John E. B., Julian McF., and Miss Patty, of this city; Mrs. H. G. Sparks and Mrs. Harry Minnie, of Danville, Ill.; Mrs. Vincent Ruckman, of Providence, Ky.; also two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Fulton, of Washington, Pa.; Mrs. Horace R. Rose, of Johnstown, Pa.

Funeral arrangements will not be completed until the arrival of other members to the family. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fleming left yesterday for Wheeling and will remain for the funeral services.

## Hellig Olav Not Chased by Sub

NO TRUTH IN REPORT THAT PASSENGERS ON THE BOVIC BROUGHT.

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—In a wireless message from the Danish steamship Hellig Olav received here today by agents of the Scandinavian-American line, Captain Holst master of the ship state that no submarine had been cited during the voyage so far. His message dated 8 a. m. Sunday read "Have not seen any submarine. Nothing true in story. Signed Holst."

Observers aboard the White star liner steamship Bovic on the steamer's arrival here Saturday reported they had seen the periscope of a submarine Friday morning when about 200 miles out and that the submarine was apparently in pursuit of the Hellig Olav, eastward bound.

## B. & O. Officials Visit Fairmont Today

J. F. Keegan, general superintendent of the Wheeling system of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and J. M. Davis, vice president of the same line arrived in Fairmont this morning on a special car which stopped in Fairmont for only a few hours. The car was detached from train No. 11 and attached to train No. 3, leaving at 10:08 o'clock.

While here the officials were busy inspecting the yards and the depot surroundings, but had nothing to say regarding the new depot, or the possibility of putting sheds along the tracks to prevent the passengers using the Baltimore and Ohio line getting wet. They were accompanied by local officials and members of the superintendent's staff from Wheeling.

## High Lights on European War

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Germans last night made a heavy attack on the newly won positions of the British in the vicinity of Schwaden redoubt on the Somme front. The War office announced today that the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—British forces on the Struma front in Macedonia are active on the left bank of their lines east of the river and have pushed their outposts further northeast in the direction of Demir-Hissar, according to today's official announcement of the operations of the Saloniki army. The village of Bursuk, eight miles southwest of Demir-Hissar, has been entered by British patrols who drove back Bulgarian detachments.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—Continuing their attack on the Somme front last night the French penetrated German positions at Sailly-Saillies and Sailles, the War office announced today. They occupied houses on the edge of the road to Bapaume. The Germans made a violent counter attack and the fighting is still in progress.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The situation on the Rumanian front occupied the leading positions in the news and editorial pages of the London papers today. The Rumanians, according to the latest official statement have been forced back six or seven miles at one point into their own country. They are making a stand at Rucuru which is a small town toward the southern end of Torzburger pass. At Rucuru the Austro-Germans are well below the highest level of the pass. South of this town the road runs 10 miles through a rolling country to the rail head of Campulung which is practically on the edge of the Rumanian plain and 75 miles from Bucharest.

## COAL FAMINE IS PREDICTED FOR NEW YORK

Scarcity of Labor at the Mines One of the Causes.

## CAR SHORTAGE ANOTHER

Hard Coal of Stone Sizes Likely to Go to Nine Dollars by Christmas.

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A shortage of coal is in prospect for this city this winter according to the dealers who declared their bins are depleted, their shipments delayed and that the outlook for immediate or eventual release is poor. The shortage applies to both hard and soft coal.

Failure to receive the usual amount of coal is attributed to scarcity of labor at the mines and lack of cars for transportation, the latter of which is said to be most serious, due to the movement of war munitions and other freight for export. The enormous foreign trade is also blamed for the shortage, which, it is stated, exists in other sections of the country as well as here.

Prices to New York house-holders for stove and nut coal vary from \$7 to \$7.75 cents. Dealers declare that with seasonable weather the price will reach \$5 before Thanksgiving and that \$9 coal is not too high to expect at Christmas.

## HIGH COURT WONT REVIEW CONVICTIONS

Action of the Lower Court in Colliers Cases Must Stand.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The supreme court today refused to review the conviction of four labor leaders in the 1913 coal strike at Colliers, W. Va. who were sentenced to six months in prison for contempt of court in failing to obey an injunction issued by a federal district judge.

The cases are another outcrop of litigation in connection with Judge Daytons decree that the United Mine Workers was an unlawful conspiracy in its organization and operation. The defendants were members of the union and were found guilty of inciting miners to leave or refuse employment. Their conviction was affirmed by the fourth federal circuit court of appeals on the theory that Judge Dayton's decree against the United Mine Workers was valid.

The case is set for argument before the supreme court during present term. The four leaders were Fanny Sullivan, Frank Ledvinka, James Oates and Hiram Stephens.

## NEW JAPAN ENVOY U. S. COLLEGE GRAD

Dr. Sato, new Japanese ambassador to the United States, succeeding Viscount Chinda, is a graduate of De Pau university of Indiana.

Brush Finish for Brass.  
Steel wool will be found to be a very useful material for giving brass and similar metals a brush finish by rubbing them with it. Care should be taken that the rubbing is done in one direction, otherwise a scratched surface will result. A lacquer should be applied to prevent tarnishing. A thin solution of white shellac in alcohol applied with a brush is satisfactory as a lacquer for large work, and small pieces may be dipped in the solution. Anciently the plant equiseta or "mares tails," was employed as a polisher, and as many a sportsman has found by experience with a rusty gun, provides a very fair, and not exceedingly

How to Make Good Glue.  
If you want a glue that will stick paper to paper, paper or cloth to wood, metal or glass, take a tablespoonful of ordinary cooking gelatin and dissolve it in two to two and one-half teaspoonfuls of boiling water. Boil for a few seconds and add a little sugar while still hot. It will stick anything without staining. It can be kept indefinitely, and used by merely warming slightly.

WILL OPEN KINDERGARTEN.  
Monday, October 23, I will reopen the Butcher school Kindergarten. Parents having children who will attend are requested to communicate with the undersigned.  
EDNA RINEHART.

## BUSY SESSION FOR OCTOBER COURT

Thirtyone Bootleggers Have Appealed to Judge Vincent.

The October term of the Intermediate court begins tomorrow with thirty one bootlegger appeal cases on the docket. These are less than half of the state cases that are to be heard, the total being 114. Many of these misdemeanor charges have been continued on the docket from one cause or another for more than a year. The jurors who were drawn more than a month ago will appear tomorrow and it is likely that after the docket is read and revised for trial, that the work of hearing these state cases will be begun at once by Judge Vincent.

The state cases however, are but a small portion of the vast amount of business that has accumulated for this busy court. There are at present 75 law cases to be heard of which 48 are appeals from justices' courts.

Many of these law cases will require a jury for trial and will likely be taken up before the chancery docket is considered. On the chancery docket are 85 old cases that have been carried over until this term and 12 new cases that were filed during October rules.

## PRICE OF EGGS IN FAIRMONT RAISED

Old Excuse of Moulting Hens is Only One Offered.

In Fairmont eggs were being retailed at 39 and 40 cents on Saturday and this morning the price had jumped to 43 and 46 cents, only one or two exceptions were there who still held to the old 40 cent price. In New York city eggs have jumped from 50 cents to 65 and it is predicted the price will reach the dollar mark inside of two weeks. Consumers are now wanting to know why?

"The hens are moulting and naturally are not laying. People want eggs and are willing to pay for them. So there you are," was one explanation. The man in charge of a car load of eggs from the Armour packing company, in the city today, said:

"My company has not yet told me of any advance in price, but I may get word to raise the price at any time. I think the scarcity and result in the increase in price is due to the fact that since eggs are scarce all the big egg dealers are trying to buy enough to protect their markets, and to get them they are having to pay fancy prices. Of course such action affects the entire trade."

## REV. CHAS. NEPTUNE DIED THIS MORNING

Was Pastor of the Baptist Church in Farmington District.

Rev. Charles M. Neptune aged 48 years, and one of the best known Baptist ministers in Marion county, died suddenly this morning at about eleven o'clock at his home at Katy. Rev. Neptune had been confined to his bed for some time with heart trouble but no immediate danger was felt from his illness. He was taken suddenly worse this morning and passed away at eleven o'clock.

He was pastor of several churches in Farmington district and was well known and universally respected in the community in which he resided. His death has caused sorrow among his parishioners as well as a large number of friends in the county and state.

He is survived by his wife and six children. One sister Mrs. Levi Cleland of Monumental also survives him. His parents are deceased. No funeral arrangements have been made at this time. R. L. Cunningham is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

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## HUGHES CONTINUES NEBRASKA TRIP

Tomorrow He Will Be in Iowa and South Dakota.

(By Associated Press)  
LINCOLN, Neb. Oct. 16.—Chas. E. Hughes left Lincoln at 7:30 a. m. today for his second day's campaign in Nebraska. The nominee spent Sunday quietly here seeing no callers and appeared to be refreshed by the rest. Mr. Hughes' program today called for 30 minute stops at Hastings and Fremont, an hour at Grand Island and 15 minutes at Columbus. He is due at Omaha at 5:45 p. m. and will speak there tonight. Tomorrow he will go into South Dakota and Iowa.

## SENATOR HARDING SPEAKS TONIGHT

Rally in Court House Will Be Well Attended Despite Rain.

Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, arrived in Fairmont at 12:55 today from Pittsburg and will address the Republican Rally tonight in the court house. Senator Harding was met at the train by A. S. Fleming and taken to the country club for lunch where he met a number of the Republican leaders of this county.

Despite the damp disagreeable weather the meeting tonight is expected to break all local records since this is the only appearance that Senator Harding will make in this state. The Senator was scheduled to speak Saturday night in Wheeling but was unable to make connections on the railroad and did not arrive in time.

The meeting tonight begins at eight o'clock and will be but a short one as the Senator is scheduled to leave at 9:40. Senator Harding is considered to be one of the ablest speakers engaged in the Republican campaign this fall and has drawn large crowds every time he has spoken. He was the chairman of the Chicago convention and delivered the opening address at that meeting.

## City Hall Notes

Property owners along Morgantown avenue and East Park avenue who have been requested to put in sidewalks in front of their properties here began the work and a few remain who show little or no intention to install sidewalks. Those who have lagged will be served with the required notice shortly and those who then fail to put in their sidewalks will have it done for them and the property owner charged up with the work.

Green Lee D. Letcher of Lexington, Va. arrived in the city this morning and visited Commissioner Letcher who is in charge of installing the sidewalks on Morgantown avenue. Mr. Letcher is part owner of the Morrow property on that street and announced his intent to have a sidewalk laid along the front of it.

The city street commissioner gangs will start work on Robinson and Boydston streets within a day or two and pave them both. The brick for the work is on the ground and as soon as the work of concreting Seventh street is completed the concreting of State street will start. The materials are on hand for the quick completion of the job.

## The Weather

West Virginia—Rain tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS  
F. P. Hall, Observer.  
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 52. Yesterday's weather, cloudy; temperature, maximum, 65; minimum, 40; precipitation 64.

## POLITICAL ADVERTISING

### Republican Rally

United States Senator  
**WARREN G. HARDING**  
of Ohio will address the voters of Marion County  
**TONIGHT**  
at 8 o'clock at the Court House

Senator Harding was chairman of the Republican National Convention. He is one of the most eloquent speakers in the United States. Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, or if you have no interest in politics, you ought to hear Senator Harding who has been so prominent in the big affairs of our government.

## FIGHTING OF THE LAST DITCH KIND ABOVE THIEPRAI

Germans Hate to Leave the Homes they Were Two Years Building.

## RECORD SIZE DUGOUT

Twenty Five Hundred Men Can Find Asylum in It.

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British front in France, London, Oct. 15, via London, Oct. 16.—In completing the capture of Spheben redoubt on the ridge above Thiepval the British took a prisoner for every yard of front or 250 for a front of less than 300 yards not to mention the number killed by artillery in preparation and in hand to hand fighting before survivors surrendered. The Germans manning the trench and those in reserve dugouts could hardly have been crowded into one line back of the parapet.

This gives an idea of the importance the Germans attach to "that last bit of high ground along their old trenches south of the Somme around the Thiepval ridge about which their desperate resistance marked it as the most precious two acre plot in all of France.

After the British got the first half or redoubt the Germans made repeated counter attacks to recover possession of it, and for the last week there has been no cessation of the fighting. Now the British looked down all along the Valley to the Grandcourt and it is impossible apparently for the Germans to maintain batteries in that area. Between the new British position and the river along the old front line fortifications of German infantry commanded by British guns from two sides still stick to their mazes of the trenches going and coming like woodchucks through their underground galleries. A German prisoner reports in this neighborhood there is a record size dugout capable of holding 2,500 men.

"They do hate to leave their happy homes which they have been two years building," said a British soldier. The big garrison which Germans maintain for the most part keep to their dugout rushing out when there is any recess in shell fire to try to repair the damage done. When they are observed British guns let loose on them. Finally when nothing but wreckage of trenches remains and only the dugouts are intact British infantry charges to gain another section of ground.

In taking the remaining uncaptured portion of stuff redoubts in the same region the British took 100 prisoners with a loss of 35 men.

Along the centre of battle line the British have made some attacks in last week though not in great strength. They succeeded in some places and failed in others against German resistance. On the whole it was the quietest week since the beginning of the grand offensive.

### NOTICE

City taxes will be due and payable at the City Treasurer's office, Monroe Street, Monday, October 2 1916. A discount of 2½% will be allowed on all taxes

J. R. MILLER,  
Treasurer.

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